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My dear Sir

The day before I left town to spend some months in the country I had the pleasure of receiving a most acceptable parcel of plants from you together with your kind letter of Apr 10 and a copy of Elliott's Flora for which I beg you to accept my most sincere thanks. I feel at the same time the full force of your hint at my neglect in acknowledging two other letters I duly received from you, but somehow or other I have always so much more writing on my hands than I get through and so many letters that require an immediate answer that I am too apt to put off writing to my friends whose letters are by far the most acceptable to receive. I am delighted to see you getting on with your most valuable Flora and have many thanks to give for the proof sheets. Since you were here I have, apropos of Schomburgk's plants, gone through many Leguminous genera and as you will have seen by Hooker's journal proposed a rough arrangement of Corallipineae & Mimoseae. I have been induced to alter in some measure my opinion about Corallia, and consider it as forming with Dalea Petalostemon Amorphia and some others a subtribe of lotus connecting them in some measure with